



# Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

**Religious Education Program  
2018 - 2019**

## **Information and Calendar for Parents**

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Monday – Friday, 9 am-5 pm  
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## **Queen of Apostles Vision, Mission, and Values**

**Vision:** To be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ and eager to invite others to join our family.

**Mission:** Under the protection of our Blessed Mother and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to form disciples of Christ by:

- Equipping parishioners with spiritual resources that will lead to deep spiritual growth
- Inspiring families to embrace joyfully their vocation to holiness
- Encouraging the faithful to use their time, talent, and treasure to the glory of God
- Introducing people outside the Church to the joy and beauty of the Gospel

**Parish Core Values:**

- **Family:** The family is our home where we grow as we share our gifts. We value the unique role of the family in discipleship and the coming together of families to form a thriving parish family committed to our mission and vision.
- **Stewardship:** We believe that every individual has been gifted by God with unique time, talent and treasure and the path to spiritual growth is stewarding these gifts in a way that glorifies God and leads to an outpouring of the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians, 5).
- **Discipleship:** We believe that the work of the Church is to make disciples of Christ who are invited and equipped to disciple others in the pursuit of Christ.

Aspirational Values:

- Excellence: We pursue excellence in our spiritual life, in the Liturgy we celebrate, in the formation we offer and in the way we manage parish operations.
  - Diversity: We value the fruitfulness that diversity brings to our parish family.
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## Religious Education and Youth Activities

**The Religious Education (RE) Program** at Queen of Apostles offers faith formation classes, taught in English, to students in kindergarten (age 5) through high school. Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallels their public school grade.

- Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:15 a.m. at Queen of Apostles School (4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA), September 9, 2018 - June 2, 2019.
- Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least 2 consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered and have no more than three absences in the school year. A student is show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Generally, First Penance/First Holy Communion is received in grade 2 and higher. Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. Queen of Apostles want to accompany families in the journey of faith.

For more information, to volunteer, if you home school, or to learn about adult faith formation/sacraments, please contact [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) or 703-354-8711.

**Emmaus** (for high school/college students who have sacraments) activities are generally scheduled on Saturdays 8:30-10 p.m. at Christendom Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for faith discussions, games, prayer, and adoration.

Other activities held throughout the year include bible study, open gym and board games (first Friday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the school gym), apostolic projects, cookouts, and social and cultural events.

**Nazareth** (for boys and girls in grades 4-8) meets during the school year on the first and third Mondays of the month beginning September 17, 2018. Nazareth meets for faith discussions, games, and prayer time. Sign-in begins at 3:45 p.m. in Hannan Hall with sign-out by a parent at 5:30 p.m. from Hannan Hall.

Adults are needed to help with activities and to provide snacks. Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are welcome.

Contact [s.calvino@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org) or call 703-354-8711 for information about Emmaus and Nazareth.

*Updates about the Religious Education Program and Youth Activities will be published in the parish bulletin, website, and email.*

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## ***Religious Education: The Parent – Catechist Partnership***

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Thank you for enrolling your child/ren in the Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles.

The role of each family is to bring children to know Christ and to know the gift of His Church. Parents are the primary teachers of their children -- the home is where a child first experiences the Catholic faith. To assist families in this most important mission of living the Catholic faith, Queen of Apostles works in partnership with parents in order to assist them in living their vocation as teachers.

The Religious Education Program complements and does not replace the catechesis that children ought to receive in the home. With our priests and catechists, we strive to assist parents in leading their child/ren to become disciples of Jesus. Besides attending Sunday Mass, receiving the sacraments, and serving as examples to your child/ren, please attend meetings with the priest that are usually scheduled while your children are in class.

At Queen of Apostles, a child will receive formation in Christian life along with children his/her age. Students are assigned to the Religious Education grade that parallels their public school grade. Our Religious Education Program is intended for Catholic faith formation over years and it is not only for receiving sacraments. Because learning about the Catholic faith is lifelong, the program is designed to have continuity from kindergarten/grade 1 through high school. Skipping years between sacraments does not allow for adequate faith formation or confidence in living, witnessing, and evangelizing the faith. Again, we want to accompany your family in your journey of faith formation and living the life of the Church.

As a Family of Families, Queen of Apostles helps serve the family by linking faith and life and building relationships and community through active participation in Religious Education and other parish ministries. This year's Family Friendly Parish theme is building the Domestic Church. Each month, a Catholic practice, such as creating a prayer corner or praying a holy hour, will be introduced. Additionally, Religious Education will schedule parents/family events during and after class time.

We appreciate that you are bringing your child/ren to Religious Education class. Children will stay in religious education if they see their parents striving to grow in holiness and practicing the faith. Your mission of bringing your children to God is great and beautiful. As Catholics, *attending Mass, praying individually and as a family, living the sacraments including Confession/Reconciliation*, should be intentional priorities in your schedule.

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**Mass.**

Children and families are expected to attend Mass every Lord's Day, Sunday (or Saturday Vigil), and on Holy Days of Obligation. Religious Education classes are scheduled so that your family can attend Sunday Mass before or after class. If you have young children, consider coming to the church during the week when it is less crowded. Quietly look around and point out items that will help your child become more familiar with the Mass.

**Prayer.**

We strongly encourage all families to pray together. Please pray with your children at home, when they go to bed, when they wake up, before meals, before and after Mass, etc. Prayer can be a brief moment in the presence of God to thank Him for all the goodness we experience from Him. Consider praying a decade of the rosary or reading about a saint. Visit our Lord by stopping in the Adoration Chapel.

**Sacraments.**

Sacraments are the beginning of something new.

Jesus reveals Himself to us through His seven holy sacraments. By symbols and rituals, the life and work of Christ unfold through the sacraments. As human beings, we need to be able to touch, smell, see and hear in order to understand that which we receive. Sacraments must be treated with the same respect and love we have for Him. We must be sincerely prepared for and actively desire a Sacrament in order for its graces to transform our lives. As a family of families, Queen of Apostles want to celebrate these milestones of grace with you.

We make a great effort to offer baptized children in grade 2 and above opportunities for Confession/ Reconciliation/Penance. Nonetheless, we encourage you to go as a family to receive this Sacrament of Healing. A beautiful and enduring gift that parents can give their children is by going to Confession regularly.

Consider celebrating your child's date of baptism, the day your child became a member of Christ's body, by lighting his/her baptismal candle and looking at family pictures.

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**Catechists.**

Early in the school year, please meet your child's catechist/s so they are familiar with you. Ask about homework and other projects. Catechists are your first point of contact regarding assignments and absences.

Our catechists are background checked and comply with Diocesan Protecting God's Children Safe Environment training in accordance with the requirements of the USCCB Charter on the Protection of Children. The catechists are volunteers and spend a good amount of time preparing for class and grading assignments. For their own faith formation, they are invited to attend the Diocesan Catechetical Conference and participate in retreats throughout the year.

## **Curriculum.**

For kindergarten – grade 8, Queen of Apostles uses the *Faith and Life* text series that emphasizes the Creed, Commandments, Sacraments and Liturgy, and Prayer and Scripture. Please familiarize yourself with your child's text, upcoming projects, and reading A Note to Parents. The series is posted online at:

<http://www.ignatius.com/promotions/faithandlife/index.htm>.

Each week, please review the prayers (back blue pages) of *Faith and Life* with your child. Students in high school use the *Catholic Faith Handbook* and parents are encouraged to read the Introduction. All students are to bring their textbook to every class. If the book becomes lost, another book can be purchased for \$20.

*At a minimum*, children should be able to recite and write out the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Ten Commandments, Seven Sacraments. Additionally, students should know the Nicene and Apostles Creeds, Prayer Before Meals, Guardian Angel Prayer, Act of Contrition, the Stations of the Cross, among other prayers.

The Diocese of Arlington requires that students in grades 1, 5-8, and high school attend the Formation in Christianity/Called to Protect presentation that is part of the October/November curriculum class time lesson. More information is posted to the Diocesan website, <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection>.

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We invite you take an active role in the parish. If you would like to volunteer or have ideas to improve the program, please talk with a priest or call the parish office. Occasionally, Religious Education needs adults to volunteer. If you are available and interested, please talk with Susan Gray.

Together with our catechists and aides, we welcome this opportunity to assist your children in living the Catholic life: learn to pray, know the Bible and learn Scripture, and prepare for and live the sacraments.

*Religious Education, sacramental, and youth activities information is posted to the website: <https://queenofapostles.org/> under the Youth & Family tab.*

***Under the protection of our Blessed Mother and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to form disciples of Christ.***



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## *Queen of Apostles Policies and Procedures for Religious Education*

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### **1. Attendance, Homework, and Absences.**

Religious Education classes are held at Queen of Apostles School located at 4409 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA. Parents must bring their children inside the School to Religious Education class on-time and with homework completed. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. We recommend arriving by 8:45 a.m. to allow time for sign-in and being prepared to begin class at 9:00 a.m. promptly. Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. will not be admitted and an absence will be recorded. Late arrivals are disruptive to the catechist and the other students. On days with inclement weather, please leave home a few minutes early.

Students are to bring their textbook, pen/pencil, paper, and other materials to class each week. Students are expected to attend the entire class time and not leave early. After three early departures, an absence will be recorded. Students who arrive early need to wait outside of the classroom until the catechist or aide arrives.

*The consequence of having absences is that the student may be delayed in advancing.*

### **2. Signing-in and out.**

Each Sunday, a parent must sign-in their child before class and sign-out their child after class. The same parent is asked to sign-in and sign-out on the same Sunday. If an authorized adult is picking up the student, please leave a written note with the Check-in Desk with the name and phone number of the person who is picking up the child.

After class at 10:15 a.m., students will meet parents inside St. Joseph Hall/School Gym. Please be on time. Parents may sit on the bleachers while waiting for their child/ren. To comply with safety regulations, the lobbies and hallways must remain clear.

Students cannot be sent over to the church for Mass or to a parked car without being accompanied by an authorized adult.

### **3. Walkers.**

Families who live near the parish and wish to have their child/ren walk home must submit a written, signed, and dated statement authorizing their child/ren to walk home. Please submit the note to the Check-in Desk with the understanding that the child/ren 1) Must walk directly home; 2) Must follow all traffic rules; 3) Must cross only at crosswalks and corners; 4) May not skateboard or roller blade to or from RE class.

### **4. Clothing.**

Students are expected to wear modest clothing. Shorts, low-cut shirts, tops that do not cover the midriff area, pants hanging off of the hips, mini-skirts, spaghetti strap/ halter tops, or holey pants, are never appropriate to wear to Religious Education class or to Mass.

Graphic depictions or written words referring to drugs, alcohol, weapons, politics, violence, or graphic sexual connotations or profanity may not appear on any clothing. Flip-flop sandals are not permitted due to safety regulations. Hair is to be neatly combed and hats/hoods removed.

### **5. Retreat for All Students in Grade 8 and High School.**

All students, no matter their sacramental status, must attend the Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. retreat at Queen of Apostles. Students are to be signed-in by 8:30 a.m. in Hannan Hall. This retreat is mandatory. Students are to attend Religious Education class on Dec. 2 with homework/assignments completed.

### **6. Other Policies.**

Students must respect the Queen of Apostles classroom school space, and grounds. This includes not writing on desks or tables or removing items from school desks, tables, or the classroom.

Please, no food, drink, or chewing gum. Please make sure your child is rested, has eaten breakfast or a snack before entering the school, and has used the restroom.

*Please, no phones, iPods, or other devices during RE class time. Students are to turn off and store devices.*

*If a student is using a device during classroom time, it will be removed from the student and returned to the parent at the Check-out desk.*

Based upon the Catholic moral values and loving respect for others taught by Jesus, students:

- will be honest and committed to integrity.
- will be respectful and courteous toward all catechists, adults, and volunteers.
- will refrain from harassment of any kind.
- will use appropriate language.
- will speak respectfully to and about others.
- will complete all assignments and participate fully in class.
- will respect all school and personal property.

Offenses will be dealt with on an individual basis according to the age of the student, the nature of the infraction, and the severity of the case. Repeated infractions can result in more serious consequences, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from Religious Education.

In some cases, parents will be called to pick up their student during RE class time and/or to meet with the priest.

These policies are based on The Office of Catholic Schools/Queen of Apostles School's Code of Conduct and may be fully read starting on page 39: <https://queenofapostlesschool.org/wp-content/uploads/QoA-Parent-Student-Handbook-2017-2018.pdf>

**8. Weather Cancellation of Classes.**

In the event of snowy weather, we follow Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) announcements for closings related to snow. If FCPS activities are cancelled at any time during the course of the day, our RE classes will be cancelled as well. Announcements may be heard on WMAL-AM 630 and WTOP-FM 103.5 and most television and radio stations.

*Thank you for ensuring the safety of our children.*

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## *Sacraments – The Beginning of Something New*

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### **Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation.**

Baptism is the foundation of the Christian way of life and incorporates one into the Church as a son or daughter of God.

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1267)*

*(From the Rite of Baptism)*

You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

If your child has not been baptized, your child will receive formation in Christian life along with children his/her age. The priest, along with your child's catechist, will determine when your child will be baptized.

Generally, children over the age of 7 years old, who have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education will be considered for Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation.

The child is to show evidence of desire for the Sacrament/s and complete the minimum requirements as outlined in the sacraments packet.

#### ***Baptism of a Child under the Age of 7 Years Old***

*Parents who have unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711. Parents and godparents will make arrangements to attend a baptismal class and schedule the date of baptism. Generally, baptism classes in English are held on the first Wednesday of the month with baptisms held on the third Sunday of the month. Baptism classes in Spanish are held on the third Wednesday of the month with baptisms held on the first Sunday of the month. Please call the office for more information. Unbaptized children over 7 years old attend Religious Education classes.*

- For parents and godparents/sponsors of unbaptized children over the age of 7, there are three mandatory meetings to discuss details about Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation:
  - **Sunday, November 4, 2018** in the All Saints Hall or the School Library at 9:00 a.m. for parents, godparents/sponsors.

- **Sunday, January 20, 2019** in the All Saints Hall or the School Library at 9:00 a.m. for parents, godparents/sponsors.
- In addition to these meetings, your child and godparent/sponsor are to attend:
  - Rites and Scrutinies for catechumens (unbaptized) that are scheduled during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **Sundays, December 2, 2018, January 27, and March 24, March 31, and April 7, 2019** at Queen of Apostles.
  - Additionally, the students and his/her godparent/ sponsor are to attend the Rite of Election on ~**Sunday, March 10, 2019** at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA).

Desiring and prepared students will receive Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 2019, or another time, as determined by the Fr. Leopoldo. Sacraments of Initiation practice for the Easter Vigil Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20, 2019** at 11:00 a.m. for students, godparents/sponsors in Queen of Apostles Church with Mass at ~8:30 p.m. Following Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation, students will make his/her First Penance in May.

There is a registration form, a \$30 sacramental fee, among other requirements. A sacraments packet will be distributed during the November 4, 2018 meeting.

If your child is in eighth grade or high school, he/she is to attend the **Saturday, December 1, 2018** retreat, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Hannan Hall, Queen of Apostles.

*Dates and times may change.*

For sacraments requiring a godparent (Baptism) or a sponsor (Confirmation), please choose a Roman Catholic in good standing. According to Diocesan regulations and Canon Law, at a *minimum*, the godparent/sponsor:

- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
  - Attends Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation.
  - Receives the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance regularly.
    - If married, his/her (present) marriage is a valid Catholic marriage.
    - Is at least 16 years old and is not the candidate's mother or father.

To obtain a Certificate of Eligibility, please make an appointment in advance to meet with a priest.

The priest will meet with you and if you are eligible, he will sign and seal the Certificate.

## **First Penance (Reconciliation/Confession) and First Holy Communion.**

If your child has been baptized, has not received the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion, and is attending grade 2 or above, your child will be receive formation in Christian life along with children his/her age. The priest, along with your child's catechist, will determine when your child will receive the Sacrament/s.

Generally, the child is to attend no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education before First Penance and First Holy Communion.

The child is to show evidence of desire for the Sacrament/s.

First Penance is scheduled for **Saturday, February 9, 2019** at 9:30 a.m. in Queen of Apostles Church. Family members are also invited to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

First Holy Communion is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18, 2019** at Queen of Apostles with a **10:00 a.m. Mass in English and a 12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish.**

Children attending the Mass in Spanish are expected to speak the Mass responses in Spanish.

- We will have two mandatory meetings to discuss details about these sacraments.
  - **Sunday, October 14, 2018** in the All Saints Hall Room or School Library for parents at 9:00 a.m. in English, 9:30 a.m. in Spanish
  - **Sunday, March 31, 2019** in the All Saints Hall or School Library for parents at 9:00 a.m. in English, 9:30 a.m. in Spanish
- First Holy Communion practice is tentatively scheduled for **May 14/15 (English) and May 17 (Spanish), 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in the church (student and parent).

There is a registration form, a \$15 sacramental fee, among other requirements. A sacraments packet will be distributed during the October 14, 2018 meeting.

Lastly, if your child is in eighth grade or high school, he/she is to attend the **Saturday, December 1, 2018** retreat, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Hannan Hall, Queen of Apostles.

*Dates and times may change.*

## Confirmation.

Generally, baptized students who have received First Penance and First Holy Communion receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during eighth grade or high school. Fr. Leopoldo, along with the student's catechist, will determine which students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Emeritus Paul S. Loverde is the Confirming Prelate. The date and time of Confirmation are determined by the Chancery.

The student is to attend no less than two consecutive years of Religious Education before Confirmation.

Additionally, the child is to show evidence of desire for the Sacrament/s. If a student does not complete the minimum requirements by the due dates and show evidence of desire, Confirmation will be delayed.

- We will have two meetings to discuss details about the Sacrament of Confirmation.
  - **Monday, September 24, 2018** in Hannan Hall at 6:30 p.m. for RE, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschool students, parents, and if available, sponsors
  - **Sunday, March 3, 2019** in the All Saints Hall (school)/School Library at 9:00 a.m. for parents and if available, sponsors.
- A mandatory retreat for **all** students in eighth grade and high school is scheduled for **Saturday, December 1, 2018**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Hannan Hall, Queen of Apostles.
- The Confirmation rehearsal is scheduled for **Friday, May 10, 2019** beginning at 6:30 p.m. promptly in the church. This is a mandatory rehearsal for the student and sponsor.

There is a registration form, a \$60 sacramental fee, among other requirements. A Sacrament of Confirmation Packet will be distributed during the September 24, 2018 meeting.

*Dates and times may change.*

For sacraments requiring a godparent (Baptism) or a sponsor (Confirmation), please choose a Roman Catholic in good standing. According to Diocesan regulations and Canon Law, at a *minimum*, the godparent/sponsor:

- Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
  - Attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Receives the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance regularly.
  - If married, his/her (present) marriage is a valid Catholic marriage.
  - Is at least 16 years old and is not the candidate's mother or father.

To obtain a Certificate of Eligibility, please make an appointment in advance to meet with a priest. The priest will meet with you and if you are eligible, he will sign and seal the Certificate.

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## *In Closing*

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Thank you for enrolling your child/ren in Queen of Apostles Religious Education Program. Our priests, catechists, aides, and volunteers are ready to help you with the most important of missions: passing along the Catholic faith to your children, setting them on the path to holiness and salvation, and gaining heaven. Attendance and participation in the Religious Education and Youth Activities at Queen of Apostles provides opportunities for your child to grow in the Catholic faith and learn how to live the Christian life.

As part of the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary apostolate in strengthening and building the family, from September 2018 - June 2019, the Family Friendly parish program, **Building the Domestic Church**, will be presented. Practices that build the domestic church (the family) will be introduced. Additionally, the **Rule of Life**, a set of spiritual practices that allows the faith to be fully alive, will be explained.

If you are looking for other ways to learn more about the Catholic faith or to explain concepts to your children, try **Formed.org**, a free, online, digital platform that offers informative and entertaining Catholic audio talks, eBooks, films/movies, documentaries, and video-based study programs. Materials in English and Spanish can be accessed by registering and using **Queen of Apostles parish code: Z37RTW**.

For parents and other adults who are missing sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage), Queen of Apostles can assist. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is for three groups of adults:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacrament/s of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

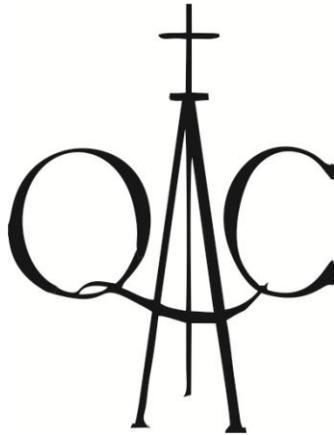
Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays, beginning Sept. 17, and in Spanish on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 19, 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are held at Christendom Graduate School/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA). Books are provided. Please register by contacting the parish office at [703-354-8711](tel:703-354-8711) or emailing [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) for more information. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by

the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Parents should be outstanding examples of living the Catholic faith.

For couples who are not married in the church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Queen of Apostles want to accompany families in their journey of faith.

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*





## **Queen of Apostles Catholic Church**

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### **Sunday Mass (The Lord's Day)/Misa dominical**

- Saturday/*sábados*: 5:00 p.m. (*English*), 7:00 p.m. (*Spanish*)
- Sunday/*domingos* (*English*): 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon

### **Holy Days of Obligation/Dias de precepto**

Please check the bulletin to confirm Mass times and dates. Usually, Masses for Holy Days of Obligation are scheduled for 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m. *Consultar el boletín.*

### **Weekday Masses/Misa diaria**

- Monday through Friday/*lunes a viernes* (*English*): 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday/*sábado* (*English*): 8:00 a.m.

### **Holy Hour/Hora Santa**

- Thursday/*Jueves*: 7:30 p.m.

### **Sacrament of Penance/Confesiones (*English & Spanish*)**

- Sundays/*domingo*: 10:00 a.m.
- Monday through Friday/*de lunes a viernes*: 7:00-7:30 a.m.
- Wednesday/*miércoles*: 6:30 p.m. until last penitent; *hasta la última persona en la línea de espera.*
- Thursday/*jueves*: 7:30 p.m. during Holy Hour/*durante la Hora Santa*
- Saturday/*sábados*: 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### **Adoration Chapel**

Continual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins each Monday at 7:00 a.m. and concludes on Saturday at 7:45 a.m. The chapel is closed on federal holidays.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is honoring and contemplating the Real Presence of Jesus. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait,” we remain silent in His Presence, and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist.

### **Parish Registration**

If you are not yet registered as a Queen of Apostles parishioner, now is the time to join our parish family! So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, including Sponsor Certificates, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office. To learn more, <https://queenofapostles.org/new-parishioners/> or stop by the parish office located at 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA. Also, please notify us of changes to your contact information.

Class Number	<b>Queen of Apostles Religious Education</b>  <b>2018 - 2019 Calendar for Parents</b>		
	<b>September</b>		
1	Sept 9, 2018	First Day of RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doors open 8 am for 9:00-10:15 am classes</li> <li>• Orientation Meetings at 9 am with Fr. Leopoldo and Fr. Javier and parents, Gym (English), or (Cafeteria)/All Saints Hall (Spanish), parents</li> </ul>
2	Sept 16	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of Catechists at 10:30 am Mass</li> <li>• Last day to enroll in RE, if space is available</li> <li>• Ministries Fair</li> </ul>
3	Sept 23	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	Sept 24	Mandatory Confirmation meeting with priest, parents/sponsors, and students from Religious Education, Ghana, and homeschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school Confirmation candidates (students) and parents/sponsors, 6:30 pm, Hannan Hall</li> </ul>
4	Sept 30	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>			
5	Oct 7	RE classes  Respect Life Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
6	Oct 14	RE classes  Mandatory First Confession/First Holy Communion 9 am meeting with priest and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• Parents of baptized students in grade 2 and higher with two consecutive years of RE. English 9 a.m.; Spanish 9:30 a.m., Library or All Saints Hall</li> </ul>
7	Oct 21	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
8	Oct 28	RE classes  Priesthood Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>			
	Nov. 1	All Saints Day– Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masses at 6:30, 9 am, 12 Noon, 7 pm</li> </ul>
	Nov. 2	All Souls' Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masses at 6:30, 9 am; 7 pm (Requiem Mass)</li> </ul>

9	Nov 4	RE classes  Mandatory Sacraments of Initiation 9 am meeting with priest and parents and godparent/sponsor  Vocations Awareness Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am (Clocks fall back to Standard Time!)</li> <li>• Parents/godparents/sponsors of <u>unbaptized</u> students in grade 2 and higher with two consecutive years of RE, Library</li> <li>• Blessing of Altar Servers (Nov 3-4 during Masses)</li> </ul>
10	Nov 11	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
11	Nov 18	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	Nov 25	No RE classes  Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe	
<b>December</b>			
	Dec 1	Retreat for <b>all</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> grade and high school students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannan Hall, Gym, Church, 8:30 am-3:30 pm</li> </ul>
12	Dec 2	RE classes  First Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming (7 pm; 10:30 am Masses on Dec. 1/2) for Sacraments of Initiation students/adults, sponsors</li> </ul>
	Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass on Dec. 7 at 7 pm</li> <li>• Masses on Dec. 8 at 8 am and 12 noon</li> </ul>
13	Dec 9	RE classes  Second Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
14	Dec 16	RE classes  Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	Dec. 23	No RE classes  Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	Dec 24	Vigil of Christmas	Check the bulletin or website for Mass times.
	Dec 25	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas	Holy Day of Obligation Check the bulletin or website for Mass times.
	Dec 30	No RE classes  The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
<b>January</b>			
	Jan 1, 2019	Holy Mother of God, New Years Day	Holy Day of Obligation Check the bulletin or website for Mass times.
15	Jan 6	RE classes  Epiphany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>

16	Jan 13	RE classes Baptism of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
17	Jan 20	RE classes Mandatory Sacraments of Initiation 9 am meeting/baptism class with priest and parents and godparent/sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>Parents/sponsors of unbaptized students in grade 2 and higher with two consecutive years of RE, Library</li> </ul>
18	Jan 27	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>Rite of Minor Exorcism, Anointing and Blessing (7 pm; 10:30 am Masses) for Sacraments of Initiation students/ sponsors</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>			
19	Feb 3	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	Feb 9	First Confession, 9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For baptized students in grade 2 and above who are preparing for First Communion, Church</li> </ul>
20	Feb 10	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	Feb 17	No RE classes	
21	Feb 24	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>			
22	Mar 3	RE classes Mandatory Confirmation 9 am Meeting with priest and parents/sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school Confirmation parents/sponsors, Library or All Saints Hall</li> </ul>
	Mar 6	Ash Wednesday, First Day of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masses at 6:30, 9 am, 12 noon, 7 pm Day of Fasting and Abstinence</li> </ul>
23	Mar 10	RE classes First Sunday of Lent PENDING Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for Sacraments of Initiation students and sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>PENDING 2:30 pm Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA</li> </ul>
24	Mar 17	RE classes Second Sunday of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
25	Mar 24	RE classes Third Sunday of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>First Scrutiny and Presentation of the Creed (7 pm; 10:30 am Masses) for Three</li> </ul>

			Sacraments of Initiation students/sponsors
	Mar 25	Annunciation of the Lord	
26	Mar 31	RE classes  Fourth Sunday of Lent- Laetare Sunday  Mandatory First Holy Communion 9 am meeting with priest and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• Second Scrutiny (and Presentation of the Rosary) (7 pm; 10:30 am Masses) for Three Sacraments of Initiation students/sponsors</li> <li>• Parents of baptized students in grade 2 and higher with two consecutive years of RE. English 9 a.m.; Spanish 9:30 a.m., Library or All Saints Hall</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>			
27	Apr 7	RE classes  Fifth Sunday of Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• Third Scrutiny and Presentation of the Our Father (7 pm; 10:30 am Masses) for Three Sacraments of Initiation students/sponsors</li> </ul>
	Apr 14	No RE classes  Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
	Apr 18	Holy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass of the Lord's Supper ~7 pm followed by Eucharistic Procession and Adoration</li> </ul>
	Apr 19	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of the Passion of the Lord ~3 pm (English) and ~7 pm (Spanish); Stations of the Cross at 12 noon</li> <li>• Day of Fasting and Abstinence</li> </ul>
	Apr 20	Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacraments of Initiation rehearsal at 11 am for students (RE), adults (RCIA), and godparents/sponsors.</li> <li>• Vigil Mass time ~ 8:30 pm; students, adults, and sponsors meet in the church by ~7:45 pm</li> </ul>
	Apr 21	No RE classes  Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
28	Apr 28	RE classes  Divine Mercy Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> <li>• 2019-2020 RE Registration Opens</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>			
29	May 5	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	May 10	Mandatory Confirmation practice with students and sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:30-8:30 pm in the Church</li> </ul>
30	May 12	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
	May 13	Confirmation Mass with Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm Liturgy</li> </ul>

		Emeritus Paul S. Loverde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students meet in Hannan Hall 6:00 pm; Sponsors TBA</li> </ul>
	May 14/15	Mandatory First Holy Communion practice with students and parents (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30-8:00 pm in Church</li> </ul>
	May 17	Mandatory First Holy Communion practice with students and parents (Spanish)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30-8:00 pm in church</li> </ul>
	May 18	First Holy Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masses at 10 am (English), 12:30 pm (Spanish).</li> <li>Students meet in Hannan Hall at 9:15 am (English) or 11:45 am (Spanish)</li> </ul>
31	May 19	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
32	May 26	RE classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00-10:15 am</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>			
33	June 2	Last Day of RE classes	
		Ascension of the Lord	
	June 9	Pentecost Sunday	
	June 16	Trinity Sunday	
	June 23	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi	12 Noon Mass followed by Procession – Neophytes/newly baptized and First Holy Communicants wear white garment
	June 28	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mass and Reception
	June 24-28	PENDING Vacation Bible School	

Dates/times are subject to change.

## Your Notes